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1. WE NOTE WITH INTEREST FOREIGN MINISTER GALVEZ'S
STATEMENT ON THE LAW OF THE SEA AT 30TH UNGA. GALVEZ'S
REMARKS IN PARA 4 REFTEL SUGGESTING ESTABLISHMENT OF A
SEPARATE BODY FOR BRINGING ABOUT PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT OF
DISPUTES DRAWS OUR PARTICULAR ATTENTION. AS EMBASSY
AWARE, USG CONSIDERS COMPULSORY DISPUTE SETTLEMENT AN
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IMPORTANT ELEMENT OF A SUCCESSFUL LAW OF THE SEA TREATY.

IN THIS CONNECTION, WE SUPPORT CREATION OF A SPECIALIZED LAW OF THE SEA TRIBUNAL. HONDURAS IS ALSO CERTAINLY AWARE THAT THE FORMAL SINGLE NEGOTIATING TEXT ON DISPUTE SETTLEMENT (A/CONF. 62/WP.9) CONTAINS PROVISION RELATING TO SUCH A TRIBUNAL.

2. TO OUR KNOWLEDGE, GALVEZ'S UNGA STATEMENT IS THE FIRST EXPRESSION OF INTEREST IN OR SUPPORT FOR COMPULSORY DISPUTE PROVISIONS OF PROPOSED LAW OF THE SEA TREATY BY THE GOH. WE WOULD APPRECIATE IT IF YOU WOULD DISCUSS UNGA LOS SPEECH WITH GALVEZ, AND DETERMINE EXTENT OF SIGNIFICANCE INTENDED BY REMARKS. WE WOULD PARTICULARLY

LIKE TO CONFIRM IF THIS STATEMENT CONSTITUTES AN ENDORSEMENT OF COMPULSORY DISPUTE SETTLEMENT PROVISIONS OF SINGLE UNOFFICIAL TEXT. INGERSOLL

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